Student's body with noose around neck recovered from seminary

By Our Correspondent

SUKKUR: The body of a young student with a noose around his neck was found in a room of a seminary in Gambat taluka of Khairpur district on Monday.

The seminary administration informed parents of the student, Adnan Channa, that he had died by suicide but they strongly contested the claim.

The Gambat police said that the inspector general of police (IGP) has taken a serious note of the incident and ordered a thorough investigation into the matter.

They said that the room was locked when they visited the seminary to recover the body.

The police, along with many residents of the area, shifted the body to a nearby hospital for a postmortem examination.

Rejecting the seminary administration's claim of suicide, the deceased boy's father, Waheed Channa, questioned that why such a young boy would take such an extreme step while he had never been in a state of anxiety or depression over any issue.

The Gambat police said they were investigating the matter from different angles.

Free-will couple, minor daughter abducted

SUKKUR: A free-will couple and their two-year-old daughter were taken away at gunpoint from their home, located in the Kot Lalu area of Khairpur district, sources in the area said on Monday.

Residents of the area informed media personnel that an armed group of tribesmen drove into the village by several vehicles, barged into the home of Mr Sher Mohammad Bugti and took him away along with his wife, Ms Noor Khatoon, and their daughter, Naseeban, at gunpoint.

They claimed that soon after the abduction, two rival groups of Bugti tribesmen traded heavy fire turning the village into a battlefield.

However, there were no casualties in the clash, they added.

'Honour killing'

A man allegedly killed his teenage daughter in the name of honour in Kandhkot on Monday.

According to the police, suspect Jalal Sundrani allegedly killed his daughter, Zahra Khatoon, and took her body to Sardar Sundarni village, located in the riverine area adjacent to Kandhkot, to dispose it of. The village is located within the limits of the Ghora Ghat police station. —Correspondent

Govt committed to reforming prison dept, says minister

By Our Staff Correspondent

HYDERABAD: Sindh Minister for Jails Ali Hassan Zardari on Monday visited the Sindh Prisons Staff Training Institute at the Central Prison Hyderabad and gifted two buses for its employees.

He chaired a meeting of prison officials and discussed with them various development schemes for the prison and the institute.

Inspector General of Prisons Fida Mastoi and other senior jail officials briefed the minister about the facilities and administrative environment at the training institute.

Mr Zardari directed them to bring professional training of the staff at a par with modern day requirements. He said it would create a better and efficient environment in the prisons department.

He said that prison staff must be trained properly because they were supposed to implement reforms in the department.

He said the Sindh government was committed to introducing the reforms, and that was why development works were being executed timely.

He inspected the training halls and the boarding and lodging facilities for the under-training staff.

He stressed that there should be no compromise on the quality in development works. He promised that all possible assistance in this regard would be provided by the government.

SINDH Minister for Prisons Ali Hassan Zardari cuts the ribbon to put two gifted buses in operation, at the Central Prison Hyderabad on Monday.—Dawn

NAB seeks details of installation, financial documents of Sukkur Barrage's gates

By Mohammad Hussain Khan

HYDERABAD: The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has asked the Project Management Office (PMO) of the World Bank-funded Sindh Barrages Improvement Project (SBIP), a provincial government's flagship project, to share complete record regarding the installation and financial documents pertaining to gates number 44 to 59 of Sukkur Barrage, on Jan 26 before the NAB Sukkur.

The anti-graft watchdog has sought documents by serving a notice u/s 19 of National Accountability Ordinance (NAO) 1999 on the project management. The notice was issued by an assistant director (coordination), investigation wing-I, NAB Sukkur.

The NAB has asked the PMO to share PC-I along with its revised version, if any. The office was also required to provide complete budget allocations and utilisation to date with details of foreign funding, if any.

It has asked for tender files, worker orders, summary showing progress/status of works executed and works under process, complete record regarding installation of main gates No. 44 to 59, including tender files, measurement books (MBs), bills, payment history and present status. The NAB has also sought complete tender files regarding hiring of consultants, laboratory and monitoring reports.

PMO was set up in the irrigation department under the SBIP for execution/supervision of project about Guddu and Sukkur barrages' rehabilitation and modernisation. Under WB's Rs74,618m loan, Sukkur and Guddu barrages were undergoing rehabilitation through the SBIP. Some UK-based consultants were hired for a project which was being executed by Chinese contractors. Not only the Sindh chief minister, but ruling PPP's chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari have been have briefed on the significance of project.

The physical progress in case of Sukkur would be around 55pc by start of year's monsoon season whereas 77pc progress was achieved at Guddu Barrage as per the SBIP management. Gates 44-59 of Sukkur Barrage have been replaced. "Details sought by the NAB Sukkur have been submitted to them," said SBIP Project Director Pritam Das here Monday.

These are among 27 gates whose replacement was to be achieved in 2025-26 before commencement of flood season. In 2026-27 season, another 12 gates would be replaced. These gates deal with the barrage's seven major canals' operation for feeding canals. These gates usually function during floods when medium or heavy flood passes through the barrage. Damages to the barrage's seven gates were reported in June 2024, leading to an inquiry and disciplinary action against then chief engineer, superintending engineers and several other officials. They have, however, been reinstated.

The NAB's Jan 14 notice regarding Sukkur Barrage doesn't mention the name of complainant and points of complaint. A general reference of corruption/corrupt practices by misuse of authority, misappropriation of government funds was mentioned.

The notices were issued at a time when the World Bank president was due to visit Sukkur Barrage on Feb 4. Sindh Irrigation Minister Jam Khan Shoro has lately visited barrage to see progress.

The NAB Sukkur has also issued notices to Secretary Irrigation Zarif Khero to share details of works orders, administrative approvals and technical sanctions issued for his incumbency when he was executive engineer to date. He was also required to share work/contracts given to Pappu Channa, a contractor.

A committee, notified by the Sindh government in Dec 2024 and now headed by the chairman of the anticorruption establishment was supposed to scrutinise/conduct initial probe into the NAB complaints against civil servants and submit its findings to the competent authority and share the same with the NAB.

"In case the committee and NAB DG differed, they shall submit their findings before the CS (chief secretary) or the CM Sindh," said another senior officer. But, according to him, this was not seemingly done in present three inquiries.

In March 2024, according to the secretary irrigation, the NAB Sukkur had recommended not for action (NFA) through the NAB headquarter "a complaint by Mir Mohammad Pathan, who was called multiple times to attend the NAB regarding his complaint against the secretary irrigation and submit fresh affidavit. But he didn't appear. The complainant didn't attend the video call as well". The secretary said the complainant was termed pseudonymous by the NAB Sukkur in its correspondence with the NAB headquarter then.

Wheat stocks worth over Rs100m go missing

By Our Correspondent

SUKKUR: Officials of the food department in Kandhkot-Kashmore district have informed the higher authorities that 187,000 bags of wheat are unaccounted for.

They revealed that the stocks, kept at the Kandhkot and Kashmore centres of the department, had gone missing.

According to the officials, the missing wheat, worth around Rs102.8 million, is found nowhere in the district.

"A report about the matter has been dispatched to the higher authorities," they said, adding that the stocks were kept at the warehouses of the two centres for onward supplies.

District Food Controller (DFC) Ghulam Mustafa Mirani has reportedly been removed from his post.

Speaking to media personnel, Mr Mirani confirmed that there was no clue to the 187,000 wheat bags that had been put at the disposal of the two centres.

He said the responsibility of keeping 110,000 wheat bags in safe custody and onward supplies rested with Kandhkot Food Inspector Zaheer Ahmed Brohi and that of the rest 70,000 wheat bags with Kashmore Food Inspector Mohammad Yusuf Malik.

He also verified the claim about the value of the missing stocks.

However, Mr Mirani maintained that the alleged plunder had taken place sometime before his posting as the DFC. A few months ago, he added, formal letters were sent to the provincial food secretary and other authorities. He added that complaints regarding short inventory had also been discussed at certain meetings later on.

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Community protests after man's throat slit in Umerkot

By Our Correspondent

UMERKOT: Traders and shopkeepers belonging to the Samejo community pulled down the shutters in Umerkot soon after a man was killed close to a police checkpoint on late Sunday night.

Residents of the neighbourhood said that unknown assailants attacked the 25-year-old youth, Ismail Samejo, with some sharp-edged weapon to slit his throat. Panic gripped the entire locality of Moti Chowk when the profusely bleeding youth, raising a hue and cry in pain, ran towards the checkpoint in the hope of rescue.

However, since no police mobile van or Rescue-1122 ambulance was readily available there, onlookers and some policemen transported him to the District Headquarters Hospital by a mini-truck. He succumbed to his grave injury a little later.

A resident of the Aklyoun Samejo village, the deceased was a driver by profession and had brought his vehicle to Umerkot city for repair of its engine.

Dr Jai Dev Malhi, who performed the postmortem, stated that there were no signs of torture on any other part of the victim's body.

Protesting against the incident, traders and shopkeepers belonging to the Samejo community observed a shutterdown strike in the city. Many of them held a six-hour sit-in outside the local press club and dispersed peacefully only after SSP Uzair Memon assured them that the suspects would be arrested within the next five days.

إنا لله وإنا إليه راجعون

We regret to announce the sad demise of

Akram Mohyuddin Ghauri

who passed away in Lahore on January 25th 2026.

May Allah grant the departed soul the highest place in Jannat-ul-Firdous. Ameen.

Remembrance prayers / Dua-e-Maghfirat will be held at 4:00pm on January 27th at House No. 54/F, Street 2, Phase V, Defence, Lahore.

Sarosh Akram Ghauri
Luqman & Elizabeth Ghauri

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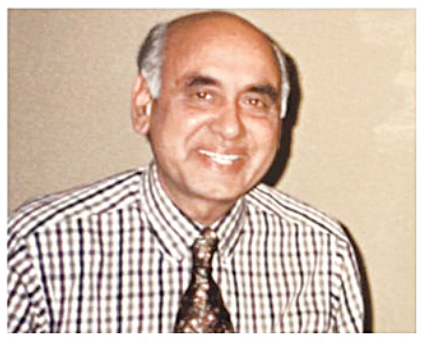

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Verily we belong to Allah, and verily to Him do we return.

It is with great sorrow that we share the passing of **Prof. Mushtaq A. Khan,** a dearly loved husband, brother, father, and grandfather, on Monday, 26 January 2026.

Namaz-e-Janaza will take place on **Wednesday 28th January** 2:00 PM at H-11 Graveyard, Islamabad

Please remember him in your prayers

Naheed Mushtaq Khan
Ch. and Begum Iftikhar A. Khan
Aila Mushtaq Khan
Danyal and Mehreen
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